



New Hybrid Active Filter Topology With Variable Conductance For Reduced Harmonic Distortion

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Abstract-

Unintentional series and/or parallel resonances, due to the tuned passive filter and the line inductance, may result in severe harmonic distortion in the industrial power system. This project presents a hybrid active filter to suppress harmonic resonance and to reduce harmonic distortion. The proposed hybrid filter is operated as variable harmonic conductance according to the voltage total harmonic distortion; therefore, harmonic distortion can be reduced to an acceptable level in response to load change or parameter variation of the power system by using fuzzy controller. Since the hybrid filter is composed of a seventh-tuned passive filter and an active filter in series connection, both dc voltage and kVA rating of the active filter are dramatically decreased compared with the pure shunt active filter. In real application, this feature is very attractive since the active power filter with fully power electronics is very expensive. A reasonable tradeoff between filtering performances and cost is to use the hybrid active filter. Total harmonic distortion is reduced by using fuzzy controller. Further more, this project discusses filtering performances on line impedance, line resistance, voltage unbalance, and capacitive filters. The results verified through MATLAB/SIMULINK environment.

Index Terms—Harmonic resonance, hybrid active filter, industrial power system.

INTRODUCTION

HARMONIC pollution is becoming increasingly serious due to extensive use of nonlinear loads, such as adjustable speed drives, uninterruptible power supply systems, battery charging system, etc. This equipment usually uses diode or thyristor rectifiers to realize power conversion because of lower component cost and less control complexity. However, the rectifiers will contribute a large amount of harmonic current flowing into the power system, and the resulting harmonic distortion may give rise to malfunction of sensitive equipment or interfering with communication systems in

the vicinity of the harmonic sources. Normally, tuned passive filters are deployed at the secondary side of the distribution transformer to provide low impedance for dominant harmonic current and correct power factor for inductive loads [1], [2]. However, due to parameter variations of passive filters, unintentional series and/or parallel resonances may occur between the passive filter and line inductance. The functionality of the passive filter may deteriorate, and excessive harmonic amplification may result [3], [4].

Thus, extra calibrating work must be consumed to maintain the filtering capability. Various active filtering approaches have been presented to address the harmonic issues in the power system [5]–[7]. The active filter intended for compensating harmonic current of nonlinear loads is the most popular one, but it may not be effective for suppressing harmonic resonances [8]. Bhattacharya and Divan proposed a hybrid series active filter to isolate harmonics between the power system and the harmonic source [9]. A so-called “active inductance” hybrid filter was presented to improve the performance of the passive filter. Fujita *et al.* proposed a hybrid shunt active filter with filter-current detecting method to suppress the fifth harmonic resonance between the power system and a capacitor bank.

A hybrid filter in series with a capacitor bank by a coupling transformer was proposed to suppress the harmonic resonance and to compensate harmonic current. However, this method needs extra matching transformers or tuned passive filters to guarantee filtering functionality. Recently, a transformer less hybrid active filter was presented to compensate harmonic current and/or fundamental reactive current. Design consideration of the hybrid filter for current compensation has been extensively studied.

BLOCK DIAGRAM:

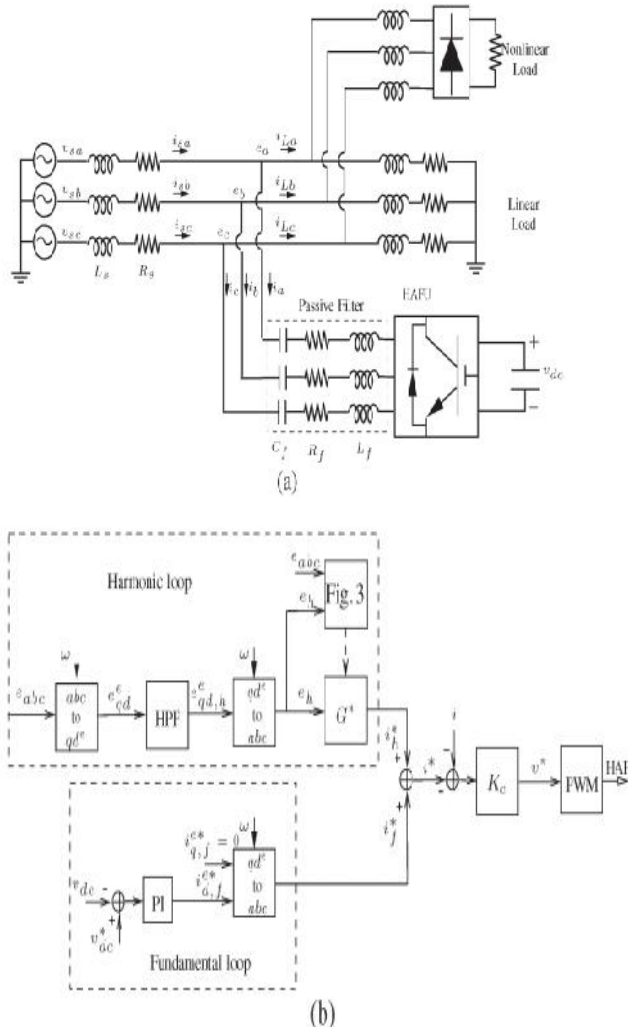


Fig. 1. Proposed HAFU in the industrial power system and its associated control. (a) Circuit diagram of the HAFU. (b) Control block diagram of the HAFU

II. OPERATION P RINCIPLE

Fig. 1(a) shows a simplified circuit diagram considered in this project, where L_s represented the line inductance plus the leakage inductance of the transformer. The hybrid active filter unit (HAFU) is constructed by a seventh-tuned passive filter and a three-phase voltage source inverter in series connection. The passive filter $L_f - C_f$ is intended for compensating harmonic current and reactive power. The inverter is designed to suppress

harmonic resonances and improve the filtering performances of the passive filter. Fig. 1(b) shows the overall control block diagram of the HAFU, including harmonic loop, fundamental loop, current regulator, and conductance control. A detailed principle will be presented as follows.

A. Harmonic Loop

To suppress harmonic resonances, the HAFU is proposed to operate as variable conductance at harmonic frequencies as follows:

$$i_h^* = G^* \cdot e_h \quad (1)$$

where $i^* h$ represents the harmonic current command. The conductance command G^* is a variable gain to provide damping for all harmonic frequencies. Harmonic voltage component eh is obtained by using the so-called SRF transformation [9], where a phase-locked loop (PLL) is realized to determine the fundamental frequency of the power system. In the SRF, the fundamental component becomes a dc value, and other harmonic components are still ac values. Therefore, harmonic voltage component eeq_d, h can be extracted from eeq_d by using high pass filters.

After transferring back to a three-phase system, the harmonic current command $i^* h$ is obtained by multiplying eh and the conductance command G^* , as shown in (1).

B. Fundamental Loop

In this project, the q -axis is aligned to a -phase voltage. Since the passive filter is capacitive at the fundamental frequency, the passive filter draws fundamental leading current from the grid, which is located on the d -axis. The proposed inverter produces slight fundamental voltage on the d -axis, which is in phase with the fundamental leading current. Therefore, the control of dc bus voltage is able to be accomplished by exchanging real power with the grid. Thus, the current command ied, f^* is obtained by a proportional-integral (PI) controller. The fundamental current command $i^* f$ in the three-phase system is generated after applying the inverse SRF transformation. Equation (2) shows the harmonic voltage drop on the passive filter due to the compensating current of the HAFU [20], where I_h represents the maximum harmonic current of the active filter, and the voltage drop on filter resistance R_f is neglected. As can be seen, a large filter capacitor results in the reduction of the required dc voltage. On the other hand, the filter capacitor determines reactive power compensation of the passive filter at the fundamental frequency. Thus, the dc voltage v_{dc}^* can be determined based on this compromise. Note that the compensating current should be limited to ensure that the hybrid filter operates without undergoing saturation, i.e.,

$$v_{dc} > 2\sqrt{2} \sum_h \left| \frac{1}{j\omega_h C_f} + j\omega_h L_f \right| \cdot I_h \quad (2)$$

C. Current Regulator

The current command i^* is consisted of i^*h and i^*f . Based on the current command i^* and the measured current i , the voltage command v^* can be derived by using a proportional controller as follows:

$$v^* = K_c \cdot (i^* - i) \quad (3)$$

where K_c is a proportional gain. According to the voltage command v^* , space-vector pulse width modulation (PWM) is employed to synthesize the required output voltage of the inverter. Fig. 2 shows the model of the current control. The computational delay of digital signal processing is equal to one sampling delay T , and PWM delay approximates to half sampling delay $T/2$. Hence, the proportional gain K_c can be simply evaluated from both open-loop and closed-loop gains for suitable stability margin and current tracking capability.

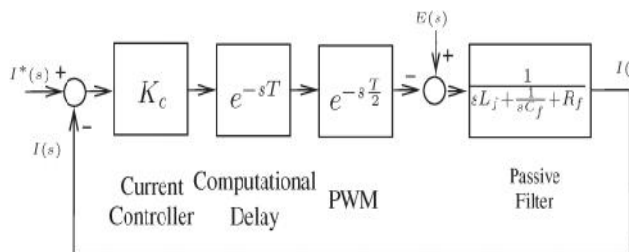


Fig. 2. Closed-loop model of the current control.

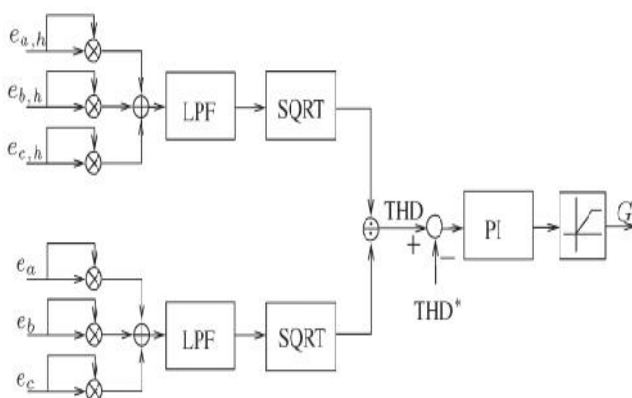


Fig. 3. Conductance control block diagram.

The frequency-domain analysis of current control will be given in Section IV.

D. Conductance Control

Fig. 3 shows the proposed conductance control. The harmonic conductance command G^* is determined according to the voltage THD at the HAFU installation point. The voltage THD is approximately calculated by the control shown in Fig. 3. Here, two low-pass filters

(LPFs) with cutoff frequency $f_{LP} = 20$ Hz are realized to filter out ripple components [29], [30]. The error between the allowable THD* and the measured THD is then fed into a PI controller to obtain the harmonic conductance command G^* . The allowable distortion could be referred to the harmonic limit in IEEE std. 519-1992 [31]. Note that PI parameters need to be tuned for required response and stability. For example, the proportional gain can be tuned for transient behavior, and the integral gain is responsible for suppressing the steady-state error. The bandwidth should be lower than one-tenth of the cutoff frequency of the current loop to assure stable operation.

III. ANALYSIS OF FILTERING PERFORMANCE

The filtering performance of the HAFU has been addressed in [25] by developing equivalent circuit models, in which both harmonic impedance and harmonic amplification are considered. The frequency characteristic of the passive filter is changed by the proposed harmonic conductance to avoid unintentional resonances. Here, we will concentrate on the damping performance with variation of line impedance L_s , line resistance R_s , and THD*. Voltage unbalance and filter capacitors in the power system are also considered.

IV. FUZZY LOGIC CONTROL

FLC determined by the set of linguistic rules. The mathematical modeling is not required in fuzzy controller due to the conversion of numerical variable into linguistic variables. FLC consists of three part: a. Fuzzification, b. Interference engine, c. Defuzzification. The fuzzy controller is characterized as; For each input and output there are seven fuzzy sets. For simplicity a membership functions is Triangular. Fuzzification is using continuous universe of discourse. Implication is using Mamdani's "min" operator. Defuzzification is using the "height" method.

V. SIMULINK DESIGN AND RESULTS

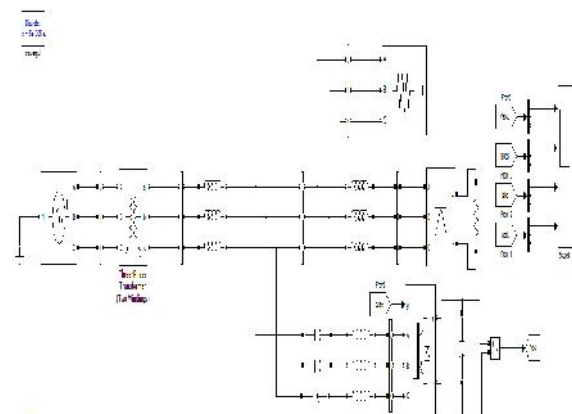


FIG4:SIMULINK BLOCK DIAGRAM

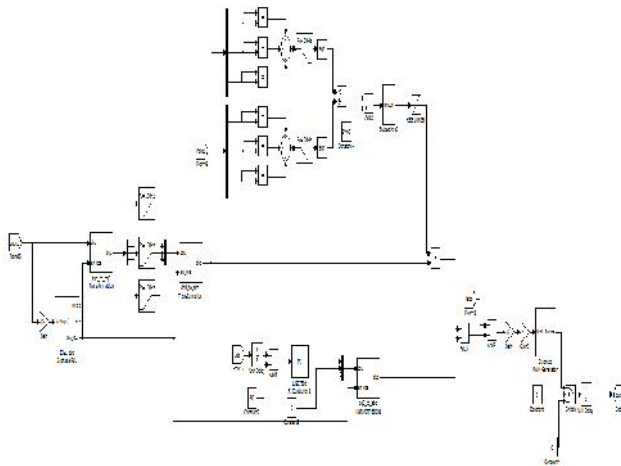


FIG5:SIMULINK CONTROL DIAGRAM

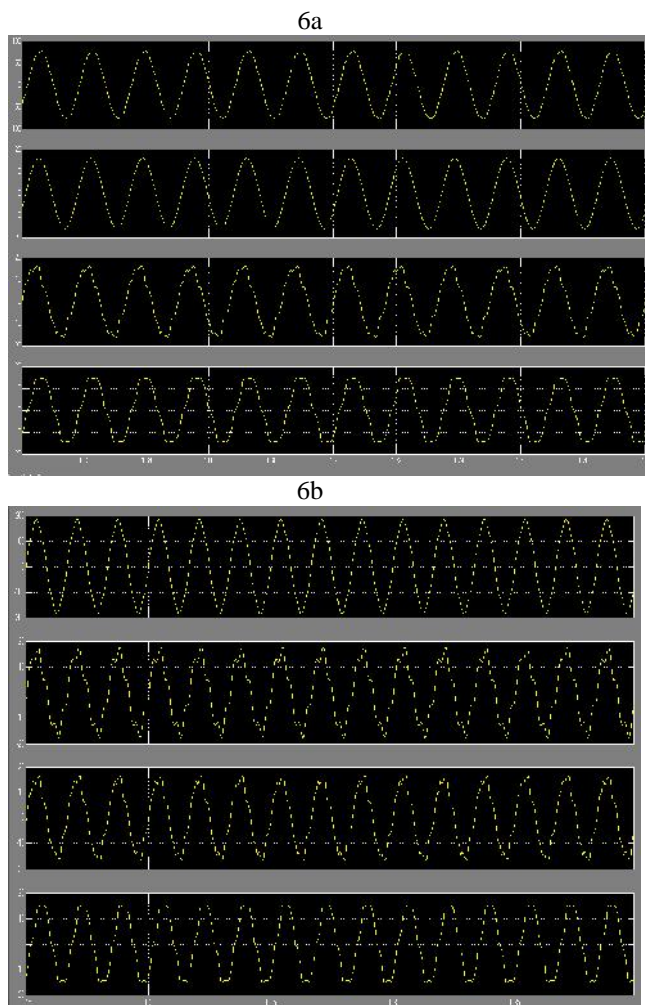


Fig. 6. Line voltage e , source current i_s , load current i_L , and filter current i in the case of NL1 initiated. X-axis: 5 ms/div. (a) HAFU is off. (b) HAFU is on.

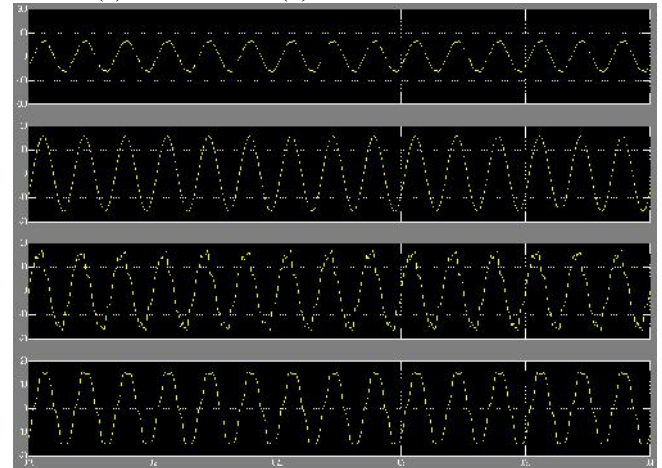


Fig. 7. Line voltage e , source current i_s , load current i_L , and filter current i in the case of NL2 initiated. X-axis: 5 ms/div.

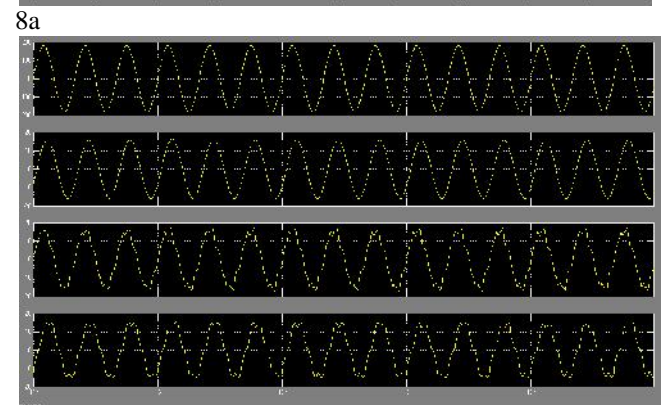
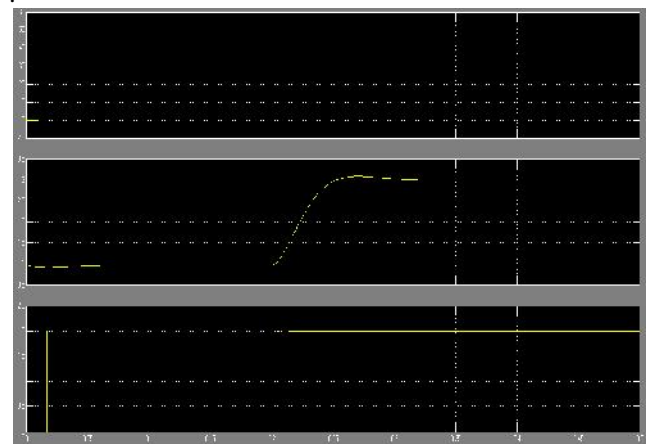


Fig. 8. Transient response when the nonlinear load is increased at T . (a) Waveforms of v_{dc} , Voltage THD, G .

X-axis: 100 ms/div; Y-axis: vdc(V), G (1.21 p.u./div), and THD (1.25%/div). (b) Current waveforms.

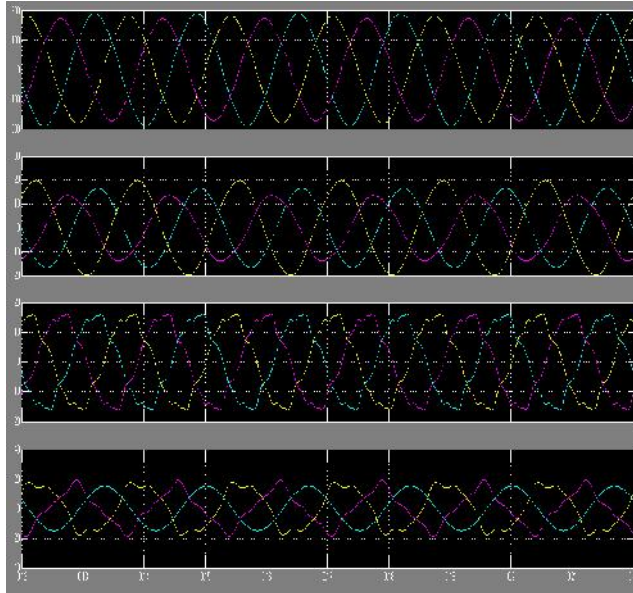


Fig. 9. HAFU is off for single-phase nonlinear load.

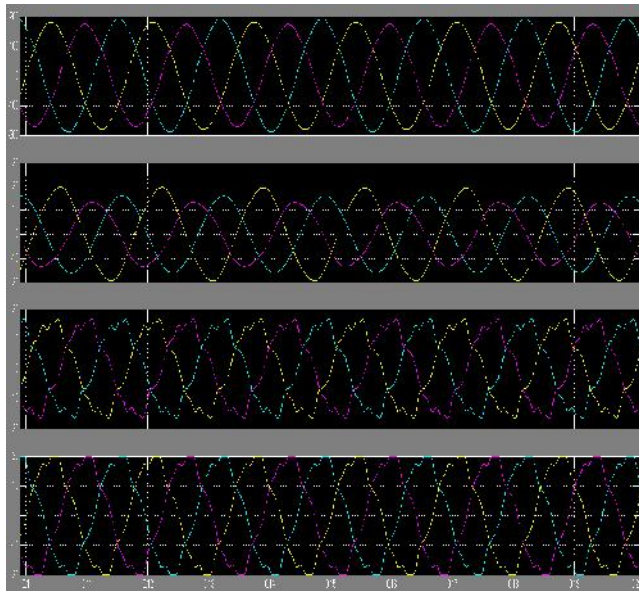


Fig. 10. HAFU is on for single-phase nonlinear load.

V. CONCLUSION

This project presents hybrid active filter to suppress harmonic resonances in industrial power systems. The proposed hybrid filter is composed of a seventh harmonic-tuned passive filter and an active filter in series connection at the secondary side of the distribution

transformer. With the active filter part operating as variable harmonic conductance, the filtering performances of the passive filter can be significantly improved. Accordingly, the harmonic resonances can be avoided, and the harmonic distortion can be maintained inside an acceptable level in case of load changes and variations of line impedance of the power system. Simulation results verify the effectiveness of the proposed method. Extended discussions are summarized as follows.

- Large line inductance and large nonlinear load may result in severe voltage distortion. The conductance is increased to maintain distortion to an acceptable level.
- Line resistance may help reduce voltage distortion. Total harmonic distortion is reduced by using fuzzy controller.
- For low line impedance, THD* should be reduced to enhance filtering performances. In this situation, measuring voltage distortion becomes a challenging issue.
- High-frequency resonances resulting from capacitive filters is possible to be suppressed by the proposed method.
- In case of unbalanced voltage, a band-rejected filter is needed to filter out second-order harmonics if the SRF is realized to extract voltage harmonics.

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